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1. Dr. Kurt Schumacher recently expressed amazement that some of his recent statements were interpreted as a weakening of his resistance to the East or as a trend toward neutrality. He made the following assertions:
  - a. He is personally opposed to neutrality or to any deal with the Soviets on the basis of the status quo.
  - b. Neutrality talk under present circumstances is Soviet-inspired and harmful. Its advocates at best are unwitting tools of the Russians.
  - c. A united Germany brought about as a result of secret elections in all zones should clearly identify itself with the West and follow a strong anti-Communist course.
  - d. If a four-power conference should agree on terms for a united but demilitarized and neutralized Germany, with or without the removal of the occupation forces, it would not be in Germany's power to influence or alter the Allied decisions. While such a situation could hold great danger for Europe, a Big-Four decision must be accepted and the German government would have to cope with the situation.
2. Schumacher thinks that any Allied agreement is unlikely. He assumes that his willingness to accept the situation described in para. 1 d gave rise to talk that he is in favor of neutralization.
3. Schumacher saw Adolf Heusinger and Dr. Hans Speidel on 2 March. His relations with these men, the military advisers to the Bonn government, are still excellent, while his relations with Theodor Blank are improving.
4. There are no signs of a reconciliation with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Now that the rearmament question is somewhat in the background, the SPD will initiate a full-scale attack on the government's economic policies.

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